



**Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 274**

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**Hearing Date:** January 24, 2005

**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications

**Introducer(s):** (Transportation and Telecommunications Committee)

**Title:** Adopt the Motor Vehicle Registration Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

8 Yes                      Senators Brown, Smith, Stuthman, Baker, Aguilar, Hudkins, Dw.  
Pedersen, Foley

No

Present, not voting

Absent

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**Proponents:**

Jill Becker

Beverly Neth

Bob Hallstrom

Loy Todd

Bety Bazyn Ferrell

**Representing:**

Introducer, Senator Tom Baker

Department of Motor Vehicles

Nebraska Bankers Association

Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association

Nebraska Association of County Officials

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 274 is a recodification of the motor vehicle registration laws of Nebraska. No substantive or public policy changes are made in this bill.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

AM 0244 replaces the bill.

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Section 1 names and cites sections 1 through 220 as the Motor Vehicle Registration Act. The name of the Act is new language.

Section 2 adds new language to encompass the definitions found in sections 3 through 60 for purposes of the Act.

Sections 3 through 60 contain definitions for the Act. New language adds definitions for department, designated county official, director, and gross vehicle weight rating.

Section 61 provides that the department shall administer and enforce the International Registration Plan and the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.

Sections 62 through 69 provide registration requirements, the transfer of vehicles, nonresident reciprocity, and state vehicles.

Section 70 is the license plate number system.

Sections 71 and 72 provide duties for the counties.

Sections 73 and 74 cover dealers and manufacturers, and the registration and uses of vehicles owned by them.

Sections 75 through 84 encompass repossession plates, in transit decals, detailing plates, transporter plates, boat dealer trailer plates, dealer's other vehicles, branch subagency, nonresident thirty day plates, film vehicles, and carnival operators' permits. New language in section 82(3) requires nonresident owner thirty-day license plates to be the same size and design as regular plates. New language in section 83(1) requires film vehicle plates to be the same size and design as regular plates.

Sections 85 through 98 cover the application process, certificates of registration, renewals, length of validity, refunds, credits, and disabled and salvage vehicles. New language in section 88 requires that the sales tax imposed under §77-2703 be collected before an application fee is received or accepted or a registration certificate is issued.

Sections 99 through 112 include license plate requirements, validation decals, fees, types of plates, exempt vehicles, and permits.

Sections 113 through 135 encompass the types of plates, including dealer and manufacturer plates, specialty plates, spirit plates, message plates, historical vehicles and plates, the storage of vehicles, regular use and undercover license plates. New language in sections 122 through 126 provides that the additional five dollar fee shall be remitted for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

Sections 136 to 139 are the motor vehicle insurance database.

Sections 140 to 155 provide the applicable registration fees, plates and decals for types of vehicles trailers. Section 144 (3) adds new language providing that bus plates shall be the same size and basic design of other plates. Section 147(4) adds new language requiring farm trucks over with a gross weight of over sixteen tons to display that weight on a decal on the plate.

Sections 156 through 158 provide for additional fees and their distribution to several funds, the use of credit cards, motor vehicles records and record fees.

Sections 159 through 176 include the investigation of certificates of registration, outstanding warrants, penalties, the 10 day grace period, law enforcement duties, financial responsibility requirements and penalties, and penalties for specific actions.

Sections 177 through 182 contain statutes regarding nonresident vehicles and reciprocal agreements.

Section 183 allows for notification under PRISM.

Sections 184 through 190 provide for motor vehicle fees, motor vehicle taxes and applicable definitions and schedules, valuations, exemptions, notices, credits and refunds. In section 184(1), new language defines automobile. In section 188(1)(b), new language allows the department to determine the gross vehicle weight ratings of motor vehicles over seven tons. In section 190(4)(a), new language adds a fee of \$5 when the new value is less than \$20,000.

Sections 191 through 206 contain the provisions of the International Registration Plan Act.

Sections 207 through 219 include the provisions for snowmobile registration, fees and their distribution, the Nebraska Snowmobile Trail Cash Fund and records of snowmobile registrations.

Section 220 is new language adding a savings clause relating to the recodification.

Sections 221 through 284 harmonize statutes in other Chapters that refer to specific statutes, terms, and provisions found in Chapter 60, article 3.

Section 285 is a repealer clause.

Section 286 is an outright repealer clause.

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**Senator Tom Baker, Chairperson**